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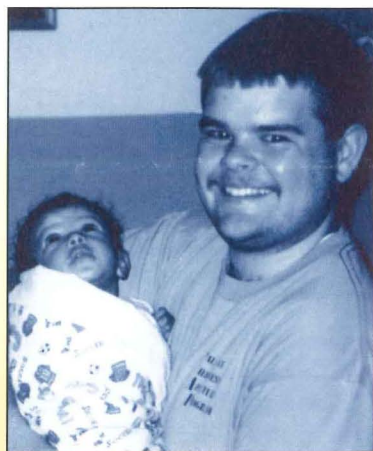
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Keeping our friends informed of our ministry and our students

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ER In Ethiopia:

A Senior Shares his Summer MIS Experience

Update recently spoke with Cedarville senior Donnie Woodyard, chief of the Cedarville College Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) unit. Donnie, along with fellow classmate and EMT Josh Tromp, traveled to Ethiopia last summer to serve in emergency medicine. A native of Pearisburg, Virginia, Donnie is a certified paramedic/EMS instructor and has been employed with Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Ohio. He is working toward a Bible degree in Christian education/youth at Cedarville College. Active with the CCEMS squad since Fall Quarter his freshman year, Donnie was named National Collegiate Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year in 1997.

Update: Tell us about Ethiopia and how this Missions Involvement Service (MIS) opportunity came about.

Donnie: I started praying for an opportunity to serve on the mission field my freshman year. Specifically, I wanted to serve as an emergency medical technician. I contacted mission agencies every year asking for opportunities, and the answer was the same: 'Sorry, we don't have opportunities for EMT's.' August of 1997, a missionary, Ruth Kennedy, spoke at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville and shared about her involvements with the Ministry of Health there. She concluded with a general invitation for anyone to visit her in Ethiopia. I approached her and presented my burden. She said, 'Come!' and soon made arrangements with the Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Over the next few months I prayed and asked for a partner to go with me. God burdened Josh Tromp's heart to join the adventure. And it just snowballed from there.

Update: Donnie, were the hospital and emergency room facilities what you thought they would be?

Donnie: Boy, were we surprised! The hospital was huge (over 1000 beds) but the Accident Center was pretty primitive. During our hospital tour we saw what we faced—little or outdated equipment, expired medicines, run-down facilities, and staff who needed training. We were discouraged and ready to leave in the first few hours. The only emergency reference book for the hospital was a 1974 American Red Cross First Aid Book. But God knew our desire, heard our prayers, and provided!

Update: Tell us how God answered your prayers.

Donnie: This is so exciting to share! God soon proved, in the midst of our discouragement, that He is in charge! He prompted Josh and me to redo the

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Did you know?

- Cedarville College faculty is 163 persons strong. Cedarville also has 40 adjunct faculty members.
- Led by Deborah Haffey, professor of communication arts, the Cedarville College Debate Team took 1st place in both the novice and open categories at the First Miriam Maddox Debate Tournament held on campus this fall.
- Twelve faculty members individually hold 30 or more years of faculty experience at Cedarville College. Included is Dr. Don Callan (38), Dr. Bob Gromacki (38), Dr. Dan Wetzel (35), Dr. Don Baumann (34), Dr. Stanley Ballard (33), Dr. David Matson (33), Dr. Murray Murdoch (33), Dr. Merlin Ager (31), Dr. Jack Riggs (31), Dr. Dwayne Frank (30), Dr. Larry Helmick (30), and Dr. Jim Phipps (30).
- Sixty-eight percent of Cedarville's faculty have earned doctorate degrees.
- Hosted by the Department of Engineering and Dr. Larry Zavodney (chairman), 96 freshman engineering students built canoes made of cardboard and competed in the 4th annual race across Cedar Lake. This event encourages problem-solving tasks for freshman engineers. The 1998 winners were Team 17- Jonathan Campbell, Lance Ferguson, Jeffrey Fleck, and Travis Hoffman- crossing in 2 minutes and 29 seconds without sinking.

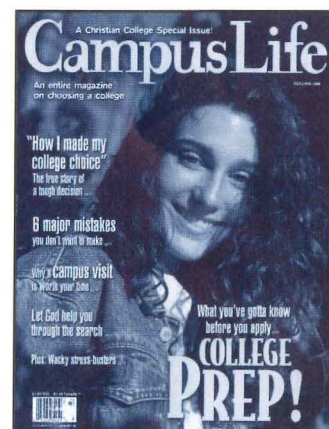
Cedarville College Freshman Featured in Campus Life

Paul Anderson, a Cedarville College freshman from St. Charles, Illinois, wrote a feature article for the October issue of *Campus Life* entitled "How I Made My College Choice." Paul was given this opportunity because of his youth group leader's connection to the magazine.

Paul began his college search during his junior year of high school. Paul's criteria included strong academics, an accredited engineering program, size, positive Christian influence, distance from home, extra-curricular activities, and a sense of fit with the culture and people on campus. Paul used Cedarville's web site to research the fit and then visited campus to confirm his choice. "I quickly found out that Cedarville was my kind of environment, a place where I could fit in. Walking across campus, I thought to myself, 'I like this,'" Paul stated.

"Since I have come, my decision has been confirmed," Paul told *Update*. Roommates, classes, and friends are all factors that make college life interesting, fun, and tough. I am having a wonderful time at Cedarville. The professors I have are all great! They all seek to know me as a person. Just the other day, I went into the office of one of my professors and we talked about his children and my family. I feel very comfortable and I know that this is the place God wants me."

Paul is one of the 706 members of the Cedarville College freshman class of 2002. Statistics of this year's freshman class reveal a median high school grade point average of 3.584. Sixty-nine freshman were valedictorians of their high school class and 43 were salutatorians. The average ACT score held by the incoming freshmen is 25.1, well above the national average of 21. Thirty-one of the class members were home-schooled.



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pediatric ward with some clean-up and paint. Many wondered why we would do this for them. But that is what opened doors – even with security guards. A few weeks later we were asked by the hospital director to open and staff an emergency room. They gave us the best of their resources and wanted us to teach the doctors, nurses, and staff how to handle emergencies. Boy, what an experience! We were teaching all the doctors and even doing simple surgeries. The physicians were lining up to learn from us. We spent a lot of time teaching emergency management skills at the medical school. God not only gave us a ministry in an ER, but allowed us to establish an ER management system which they are now implementing in hospitals across Ethiopia. Who would have thought that we could have had that kind of impact?

Update: How has Cedarville prepared you for the experience in Ethiopia and for your future plans?

Donnie: Grounding in God's word gave me stability. CCEMS prepared me by giving leadership opportunities and medical clinic experience. And now I plan on putting both together and working as a medical missionary, perhaps even to return to Africa. God gave me the opportunity to touch an entire Ethiopian culture.

Please Pray For...

- Cedarville's Missionary Involvement Services program as staff make final arrangements for student teams which will travel during Christmas break. Pray for students as they sacrifice spending the holidays with their families and travel thousands of miles to serve in foreign countries.
- Faculty, staff, and students who battle illness. Pray that they would find daily strength and comfort in the Lord.
- Freshman students as they prepare to take their first college final exams. Pray for God to impact their lives during this first and important year of academics, Christian ministry, and life away from home.

Reduce Your Exposure to Stock Price Fluctuations Without Paying Capital Gains Taxes

Are you currently invested in the stock market? If so, you have no doubt taken a keen interest in the recent market ups and downs. Many investors have enjoyed a long period of significant gain in the value of their holdings and would now like to reduce their exposure to rapid stock price decreases. They hesitate to sell shares and lose a portion of their investment gain to capital gains taxes, but they are also reluctant to risk their accumulated earnings in an unstable market. So how do you limit exposure to market decline without diluting the value of your assets?

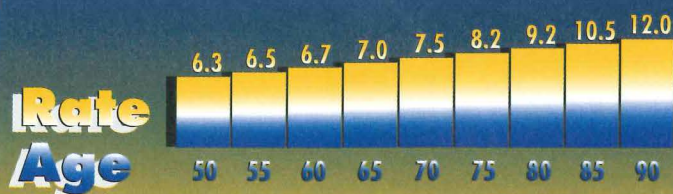
For years, laws have allowed taxpayers to use appreciated assets as charitable gifts. The donor receives a gift year income tax deduction based on the current fair market value of the asset, regardless of the purchase price. The capital gains tax that would be due if the same securities were sold is either reduced or eliminated. In effect, you can use paper profits from your investment to reduce federal and state income taxes. By removing these assets from your estate, you may also be reducing or eliminating estate taxes.

The Charitable Gift Annuity: It is Possible to Give and Receive

Did you know it really is possible to both give and receive? A charitable gift annuity is a contract in which a donor exchanges cash, shares of stock, or equivalent assets for partially tax free income, a current year income tax deduction, and capital gains tax savings. The amount of the income and the income tax deduction is determined by the age of the donor.

If shares of appreciated stock are exchanged for the gift annuity, the capital gains taxes that would result from a sale are partially eliminated. In some cases, the income from the gift annuity is greater than the dividend previously paid by the stock. A charitable gift annuity also removes assets from your estate which can save or eliminate estate taxes.

A charitable gift annuity is a great way to show support for the ministry of Cedarville College, while creating income for yourself and your spouse. If you would like a detailed gift annuity analysis, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 800-766-1115.



One way to exit the market, or reduce your exposure, yet retain the value of your assets, is to convert to a Cedarville College planned giving arrangement. A planned gift provides income to the donor and spouse for life. The amount of this income could exceed the dividend previously paid by the stock. A planned gift reduces or eliminates capital gains, so the future earning power of your asset is not diluted by capital gains taxes. A planned gift also provides an immediate charitable income tax deduction for the donor. Assets placed into a planned giving arrangement are removed from your estate, reducing or eliminating estate taxes.

Another strategy to reduce market exposure and create cash is the "balanced sale." A balanced sale involves selling some shares of stock and converting other shares into a planned gift. The sale may create a taxable gain, but these taxes can be offset with the current year deduction earned by the planned gift. Shares of stock that have decreased in value below the acquisition price can also be used for charitable giving. In this case, the shares should be sold by the donor, creating a loss for tax purposes, and the gift made with cash.

If you are interested in exploring the ways in which a Cedarville College planned giving arrangement can eliminate exposure to market fluctuations and increase your income while reducing taxes, please call Dave Bartlett or Kim Longo in the Office of Planned Giving.

Spotlight on Clarence Gray



Clarence Gray graduated from Cedarville College in 1937 with a bachelor's degree in education and an insatiable appetite for learning. World War II cut his teaching dreams short, but he gained a career in the U.S. Air Force—a career that included two tours lasting a total of 13 years at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio. While in the service and working full-time, he earned a master of business administration degree from the Ohio State Business School. "It only took me seven years," he laughed.

Clarence spent 14 years working in employee relations for Cincinnati's General Electric/Aircraft Division. "My best memory of the business world is the opportunity to do new things, to learn, to get involved, to grow, and to have the broadest opportunity to contribute to the business," he shared.

In the 1970s, Clarence served as vice president of human resources for Carborundum Company. As Carborundum acquired manufacturing plants all over the world, Clarence traveled to Europe, Japan, and South America to assess effectiveness and quality and to negotiate labor. "The struggle of other cultures, unions, and language barriers was a challenge for learning and working hard," noted Clarence.

Now retired and living in Naples, Florida, Clarence volunteers on a long-range planning committee for the First United Methodist Church of Naples. Clarence is thrilled to use his strong faith, vision, and motivation in serving his church and community.

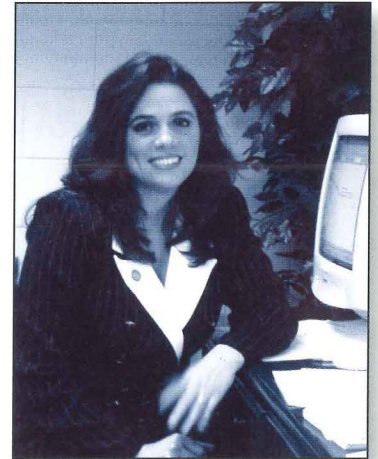
Clarence continues his involvement with Cedarville College by providing scholarship funding for outstanding students majoring in education. He began the Gray-Paxon Scholarship in honor of his wife, Jane Paxon Gray, who passed away in 1997. He also keeps tabs on the latest developments of his alma mater. Clarence described Cedarville's venture into graduate level studies, specifically in the business discipline, as "icing on the cake!"

Office of Planned Giving Welcomes Kim Longo

Cedarville College's Office of Planned Giving is pleased to announce the addition of Kim Longo as development associate. Before joining the planned giving staff, Kim served the College as a financial aid officer for more than seven years.

Kim's recent experience in student financial aid will be a valuable asset as the Office of Planned Giving begins administering and promoting the College's scholarship program. The goal is to increase the scholarship endowment by \$5,000,000 over the next five years. Dave Bartlett, director of planned giving, is confident that Kim's experience will help them meet their goal.

"Kim will enhance our ability to serve our scholarship donors and articulate the financial needs of our students," he affirmed.



Kim's responsibilities will go above and beyond that of the scholarship program. Frequent personal contact with friends of the College is a top priority, and the office anticipates that Kim's addition to the staff will enable them to visit more people more often.

The Office of Planned Giving sincerely appreciates the individuals whose gifts perpetuate Cedarville's ministry of "providing an education consistent with biblical truth." Planned Giving looks forward to enhancing their relationship with their circle of donors in 1999.

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Donna Purple: Serving in the Midst of Trial

"Lord, I told you to give me opportunities, but are you sure you've chosen the right person? This is a bit overwhelming!"

As overwhelming as it was to receive a diagnosis of stage four lung cancer in 1994, Donna Purple has since used her situation to glorify God and help others. Her experience has particularly influenced Cedarville students.

Donna serves as administrative assistant to the vice president for Student Services, which already gives her opportunity to influence students. Her husband, Jon, is associate dean of students, so they can often serve students together. But it is her struggle with cancer that has truly opened doors to students. Donna is now receiving her fifth round of chemotherapy, and while the cancer has not spread, she has experienced only partial remission in over four years. "It is of God that I feel so great. Here I am with stage four cancer and yet God continues to add to my days. I can only imagine that He has more opportunities in store for me."

"I find instant rapport with those few students who have been diagnosed with cancer. So many students hear from home that mom, dad, or others have been diagnosed with cancer, and come with lots of questions. Even faculty and staff struggle as they deal with those they know with cancer. God has used my experience to help others through their hurt and questions," she shared.

This same spirit has given her worldwide platforms from which to speak. *Ladies Home Journal* featured an article on lung cancer in their September 1997 issue and included Donna's story. This article introduced her to the Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support, and Education (ALCASE), which asked her to be a phone buddy for encouraging others with lung cancer. Every week she hears from other lung cancer victims. Since accepting ALCASE's invitation to speak at their international conference in Italy, Donna has been asked to speak at other organizations' conferences across the United States.

"That is why I keep asking God if He has chosen the right person. I am certainly not a great speaker, but He has turned what could be a devastating story into a wonderful testimony for Him. Many are amazed at the support I receive from my church, family, and Cedarville College and all the College family. Sometimes I think the students minister more to me than I do to them."

"When the students heard I had been invited to speak at the conference in Italy, they wanted to make sure that Jon could go, so they raised \$1,000 for his trip. Never a day goes by that several students don't yell, 'Donna, we keep praying for you!' Knowing that hundreds pray for you every day, and on one of the College's Days of Prayer, that most are on their knees in the chapel auditorium praying for you, that is overwhelming. To have College administrators remind me and Jon to take whatever time we need not only for medical visits, but also opportunities for ministry is sometimes mind-boggling. I am so quick to talk about all this...what a testimony I am to the spirit and prayers of Cedarville College."

Donna has vowed to God that for as long as He allows her to live, she will let any and all know that He is the sole reason for her survival. She concludes every speech and testimony with this statement, "The secret to contentment is the realization that life is a gift, not a right. I thank God every day for His gift!"

Winter Calendar

December

- 1 Campus Activities Board (CAB) Concert: The Martins
- 4-5 Cedarville Invitational: Women's Basketball
- 9-11 Final Exams
- 11 Christmas Vacation begins

January

- 4 Winter Quarter Instruction begins
- 8 CAB Concert: Phillips, Craig & Dean
- 13-15 Winter Enrichment Conference: Dr. James MacArthur
- 19-21 Staley Foundation Lectureship: Dr. Kay Coles James
- 26 Charter Day Chapel
- 29 CAB Concert: Paul & Nicole Johnson

February

- 5-6 Li'l Sibs Weekend
- 11-12 Winter Drama: *Little Women*
- 19-20 Alumni Winter Homecoming
- 19 Artist Series Concert: Markham & Broadway (Piano Duo)

March

- 10-12 Final Exams
- 15-19 Spring Break

Quotable Chapel Notes



*Curtis Hoke,
a 1983 graduate
of Cedarville
College*

During the October 15, 1998 chapel service, Curtis Hoke, a 1983 graduate of Cedarville College, shared his story of a diving accident in which he broke his neck and became a quadriplegic. The accident took place in July of 1983—just weeks after graduation and just weeks before his wedding date. During 6 months of rehabilitation, Curtis relearned every basic life task. At their wedding in April 1985, Carol and Curtis “wheeled” down the aisle as husband and wife. The following excerpts are from his message to the College family.

“It’s not easy being told that you will never walk again. When a life-changing tragedy hits you so personally, it really shakes your foundation. It forces you to rely on what you’ve been taught, what you believe about God, and what you believe about the Bible. Suddenly things are on a level where you need to have answers. My tragedy brought Carol and me back to the Bible. The answers to life are in the Word of God. The Bible is completely trustworthy.”



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Around the Campus

U.S. News and World Report Recognizes Cedarville



For the third year, Cedarville was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* for its educational product and value. As part of its annual ranking of colleges and universities each September, the magazine recognized Cedarville as one of the top 33 liberal arts colleges in the Midwest. This is Cedarville’s first appearance in this tier, which is just one step removed from the region’s top ten liberal arts colleges and universities.

“This is a great tribute to our trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff who collectively work at offering Cedarville students the best possible education that we can,” Dr. Dixon shared. “It is a great tribute to those who invest their gifts in Cedarville. But the greater significance is that it enhances the reputation of both alumni and students who receive Cedarville degrees. That reputation will give some opportunities to credibly influence their world for Christ.”

In 1996, *U.S. News* recognized Cedarville as a best buy in higher education. Last year they gave Cedarville a high ranking for operating efficiency, meaning Cedarville provides a great deal of value for minimal dollars. “Perhaps God will allow us to be in their top ten in the coming years. What a great testimony for Him,” Dr. Dixon said.



New Dorm Under Construction

Construction is underway for the fall 1999 opening of a 250-bed student dormitory complex. Located north of the Athletic Center and next to Brock Hall, the new building utilizes the same floor plan as the McKinney-McChesney-Miter complex. Total cost is estimated at \$5 million.

Spiritual Heritage Tour of



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